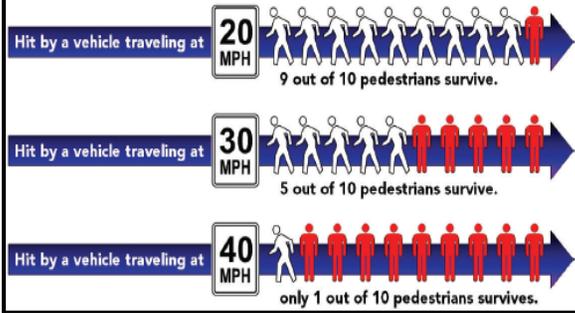


The Problem:

Speeding on Residential Streets

Virginia Code sets the speed limit in residential areas at 25 mph. This lower speed limit allows for a greater reaction time and shorter necessary stopping distance to avoid a hazard in the roadway. Also, the faster a motor vehicle is traveling when it hits a pedestrian, the greater the likelihood of pedestrian fatality.

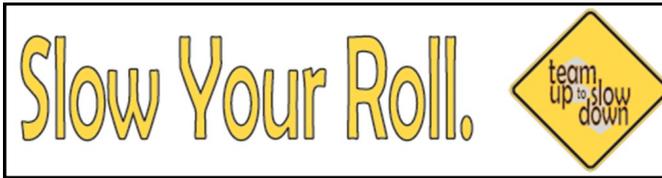
A little extra speed makes a big impact.



Failure to obey posted speed limits can create neighborhood safety problems for bicyclists, other motorists, pedestrians and particularly children, who can be hard to spot if they dart across the street.

Who's Speeding?

In most cases, the majority of speeders on residential streets are residents of the neighborhood. Therefore, one of the most effective ways to reduce speeding on residential streets is through neighborhood involvement and education efforts like Team Up to Slow Down.



CONTACT:

**Harrisonburg Public Works
Department
(540) 434-5928**

**Harrisonburg Police Department
(540) 434-4436**

**Detailed information on Team Up to
Slow Down and Neighborhood Traffic
Calming Program are available at**

www.harrisonburgva.gov/slowdown



A partnership initiative to help encourage drivers to slow down and make the residential streets of Harrisonburg safer.



What is Team Up to Slow Down?

Team Up to Slow Down is multifaceted, including a variety of tools, including neighborhood meetings, resident pledge cards, brochures, yard signage and bumper stickers.

Through these resources, and with help from city staff, neighborhoods can help educate drivers about road safety.

Who is involved?

Harrisonburg's Police Department and Public Works Department are partnering with you to fight speeding in our neighborhoods and local streets.



How does my neighborhood get involved?

Talk To Your Neighbors:

Strike up a conversation with your neighbors and see if you share a concern about traffic and safety in your neighborhood. If you are interested in working together to fight the speeding problem in your neighborhood contact either the Public Works Department at 434-5928 or the Harrisonburg Police Department at 434-4436.

Hold a Community Meeting:

Once your neighborhood contacts the City, we will help you host a neighborhood meeting to talk about driving habits. Based on this conversation, the best course of action to combat your neighborhood's problems will be decided. Meetings help to ensure that everyone involved has information about the next steps to take.



If Team Up to Slow Down is an appropriate course of action, your neighborhood may choose the right combination of resources (see column at right) for your needs.

Take Action:

Once you have the tools, it is up to you to put them into action.

Methods of Action:

Yard Signs:



Neighborhoods who become involved in the "Team Up to Slow Down" program are eligible to receive signs to place in their yards. These signs

feature slogans that remind drivers to slow down in neighborhoods and to show drivers that you care. Yard signs may also help recruit fellow citizens to participate in the program and further raise awareness about the hazards of speeding.

Pledge Cards:

Because most speeders are also residents, pledge cards serve as a reminder to set a good example on Harrisonburg roadways.

<p>I commit to help stop speeding and reckless driving in the City of Harrisonburg and my neighborhood by agreeing to follow the guidelines below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">I will obey posted speed limits.I will wear seatbelts and require all others in my vehicle do the same.I will follow other cars at a safe and respectful distance.I will watch closely for children while driving through neighborhoods and near schools.I will minimize distractions in my car including cell phones, music and eating.I will be courteous and give room when passing bicyclists on the road.I will help my community understand that our commitment can save lives and make our city safer. <p>Print name: _____ Date: ___/___/___ Signed: _____</p>	<p>The banner of this card is committed to help stop speeding and reckless driving in the City of Harrisonburg by being part of Team Up to Slow Down.</p> <p>For more information visit: www.harrisonburgva.gov/teamupdown</p>
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Bumper Stickers:

Similar to yard signs, bumper stickers remind other drivers to slow down.

